

Cover Sheet: Request 12603

CLAS International Studies Universal Tracking

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Major Name International Studies

Major Code INT

Degree Program Name International Studies

Undergraduate Innovation Academy Program No

Effective Term Earliest Available

Effective Year Earliest Available

Current Curriculum for Major The existing catalog copy for the major is as follows:

Overview

Students develop a working knowledge of a modern foreign language, become knowledgeable about at least one major region of the world, become knowledgeable about significant global issues, are encouraged to experience living and studying abroad or working with an international organization focused on international issues, and conduct research on a global issue in conjunction with a senior research seminar, study abroad experience, or relevant internship.

The major prepares students for graduate study or international careers as specialists or representatives in international relations, international publications, cross-cultural training in educational and business fields, public affairs, government foreign service, export sales, and international research.

Coursework for the Major

Students are required to designate a region of the world on which to focus. This region then determines the courses appropriate for the major's primary requirements (Category A) as well as the major's foreign language requirement.

All courses must be completed with minimum grades of C. A minimum of 15 credits of Category A and/or B courses must be completed at UF.

Required Coursework

INS 3004 International Studies Perspectives (3 credits)

INS 4930 International Studies Senior Research Seminar (3 credits)

With prior approval, students may substitute:

Study abroad with a research paper; internship or work experience abroad with a research paper; international studies research poster presentation with research paper; international studies-related service learning project with a research paper; or independent study course with a research paper. Students pursuing any of these alternatives must still register for 3 credits of coursework to replace INS 4930. All research papers will be graded by a common grading rubric.

Category A: 15 credits of international studies-approved courses in social science, humanities or professional courses that focus on the region of the world selected by the student: Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean or the Middle East.

Twelve credits of Category A coursework must be at the 3000/4000 level.

Category B: 15 credits of international studies-approved courses in social science, humanities, or professional courses that focus on regions of the world other than the student's regional focus and/or focus on global issues.

Nine credits of Category B coursework must be at the 3000/4000 level. (These 9 credits of 3000/4000-level Category B courses will be accepted toward the CLAS 3000-level elective requirement. INT

majors still will need to take 9 additional credits of 3000-level electives from courses NOT approved for any INT category.)

Four semesters minimum (0-20 credits) of a single modern foreign language or demonstrated proficiency equivalent to completion of the intermediate level. The language for which proficiency is demonstrated must be logically linked to the selected region (Category A).

Region Focus

The links below determine the region courses appropriate for Category A and Category B requirements as well as the region's foreign language requirement.

[Africa](#)

[Asia](#)

[Europe](#)

[Latin America and the Caribbean](#)

[Middle East](#)

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[Critical Tracking](#)

Critical Tracking records each student's progress in courses that are required for entry to each major. Please note the critical-tracking requirements below on a per-semester basis.

For degree requirements outside of the major, refer to CLAS Degree Requirements: Structure of a CLAS Degree.

Equivalent critical-tracking courses as determined by the State of Florida Common Course Prerequisites may be used for transfer students.

Semester 1

Complete one international studies course from Category A at the 2000-level or higher with a 2.0 critical-tracking GPA
2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 2

Complete one international studies course from Category B at the 2000-level or higher with a 2.5 critical-tracking GPA
2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 3

Complete one foreign language course from the selected region and one additional international studies course from Category B at the 2000-level or higher with a 2.75 critical-tracking GPA
Students should take INS 3004 as soon as they have completed three Category courses. For many students, this will be either semester 3 or 4
2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 4

Complete one additional foreign language course from the selected region with a 3.0 critical-tracking GPA
2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 5

Complete INS 3004 International Studies Perspectives and one additional international studies course from Category A at the 3000-level or higher with a 3.0 critical-tracking GPA
2.0 UF GPA required

Model Semester Plan

Students are expected to complete the writing requirement while in the process of taking the courses below. Students are also expected to complete the general education international (GE-N) and diversity (GE-D) requirements concurrently with another general education requirement (typically, GE-C, H or S).

Depending upon the international studies courses chosen, students may meet some of their GE-H, GE-S and GE-N requirements through courses for the major. In that case, the student can substitute general elective credit.

To remain on track, students must complete the appropriate critical-tracking courses, which appear in bold. These courses must be completed by the terms as listed above in the Critical Tracking criteria.

This semester plan represents an example progression through the major. Actual courses and course

order may be different depending on the student's academic record and scheduling availability of courses. Prerequisites still apply.

Semester 1 Credits

Beginning Foreign language 3-5

Biological or Physical Science

State Core GE-B or P 3

Composition

State Core GE-C; WR 3

International Studies

Category A, 2000-level or above; recommended:

Africa: AFS 2002 The African Experience: An Introduction to African Studies (GE-S and N) or

HUM 2424 African Cultures and Literatures (GE-H and N)

Asia: REL 2362 Introduction to Islam (GE-H and N)

Europe: EUS 2001 European Experience: A Humanities Perspective (GE-H and N) or

EUS 2003 European Experience: A Social Science Perspective (GE-S and N)

Latin America and the Caribbean: LAS 2001 Introduction to Latin American Studies (GE-H and N or S and N)

Middle East: REL 2362 Introduction to Islam (GE-H and N)

3

Science laboratory

GE-P or B 1

Total 13-15

Semester 2 Credits

IUF 1000 What is the Good Life

GE-H 3

Beginning foreign language 3-5

Biological or Physical Science

Area not taken in semester 1, GE-B or GE-P 3

Composition

GE-C; WR 3

International Studies

Category B, 2000-level or higher 3

Total 15-17

Semester 3 Credits

Biological Science

GE-B 3

Humanities

State Core GE-H 3

Intermediate foreign language 3-5

International Studies

Category B, 2000-level or higher 3

Mathematics

State Core GE-M 3

Total 15-17

Semester 4 Credits

INS 3004 International Studies Perspectives 3

Humanities (if needed) or

Elective3

Intermediate foreign language 3-5

Physical Science

GE-P 3

Social and Behavioral Sciences

State Core GE-S 3

Total 15-17

Semester 5 Credits

Elective3

Elective or

Social and Behavioral Sciences (if needed)	3
International Studies	
Category A, 3000-level or above	3
International Studies	
Category B, 3000-level or above	3
Mathematics	
GE-M	3
Total	15

Semester 6	Credits
Elective	
3000 level or above, not in major, if needed	3
International Studies	
Category A, 3000-level or above	3
International Studies	
Category B, 3000-level or above	3
Study abroad or	
Internship or	
Electives	6
Total	15

Semester 7	Credits
Elective	3
Electives	
3000 level or above, not in major, if needed	6
International Studies	
Category A, 3000-level or above	3
International Studies	
Category B, 3000-level or above	3
Total	15

Semester 8	Credits
INS 4930 Senior Research Seminar/Capstone Experience	3
Elective or	
Social and Behavioral Science (if needed)	3
Electives	8
International Studies	
Category A, 3000-level or higher	3
Total	17

Majors are encouraged to use some of their electives to pursue a minor, combined degree, dual degree or double major.

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Proposed Curriculum Changes There are several proposed changes.

- 1) Some of the wording in the overview section is altered to reflect more accurately the types of careers our students are pursuing.
- 2) Some students found the "Coursework for the Major" section confusing in terms of the relationship between the language requirement and the other academic credits required.
- 3) Under "Required Coursework," many students pursue alternatives to INS4930 through study abroad, internships, service learning, etc., some of which are completed through S/U graded coursework. It makes sense to allow that credit to count as long as the research project is completed successfully. In addition, because International Studies is interdisciplinary, students do occasionally pursue research projects that take a form other than a research paper. We have, for example, had students complete mini-documentary films, assist with designing exhibits for the Harn or other museums, etc., through internships. In many cases, these projects are more meaningful than a research paper itself might be.
- 4) Under "Critical Tracking," many students find themselves off track after the first semester due to the requirement that they must take a Category A class in term 1 even if there may be very limited course offerings in some regions. In addition, several students every year are debating between multiple tracks, so giving them some increased flexibility to take either a Category A or Category B in the first term will help address that. The proposed changes would still have students in the same place after

semester two as the current tracking, with 1 Category A and 1 Category B course complete. The term-by-term flexibility is continued in terms 3-5 in the proposed changes, but with the same ultimate outcome of having 2 Category A classes, 2 Category B classes, INS3004, and two semesters of the foreign language complete by the end of term 5.

For terms 6-8, the tracking reflects the suggested number of credits toward the required total of 36 (excluding language) that should be completed by the end of each semester.

Please note that none of these proposed changes require alterations to the model 8-semester plan.

Pedagogical Rationale/Justification The International Studies major opened for students as a stand-alone major beginning in the fall 2011 semester. There have been no significant revisions to the major in that time. Now completing its seventh year and having grown to approximately 270 students, it is appropriate to consider some small tweaks to the major. That process was given additional impetus by the new university requirement to implement 8-term tracking.

Impact on Enrollment, Retention, Graduation There is no expected impact on enrollment for current students in the major.

Assessment Data Review These changes are based on experience drawn from advising students, and are not based on the SLO data or program goal data.

Academic Learning Compact and Academic Assessment Plan There is no modification to the Academic Learning Compact or the Academic Assessment Plan at this time.

International Studies

Updated Catalog Language, Critical Tracking and Moving to 8-term Tracking

Students acquire proficiency in a modern foreign language, and knowledge of at least one major region of the world and significant global issues; are encouraged to experience living and studying abroad or working with an international organization focused on international issues; and conduct research on a global issue in conjunction with a senior research seminar, study abroad experience, or relevant internship or service learning opportunity.

The major provides cross-cultural and interdisciplinary training that prepares students for graduate study or international careers as specialists in international relations, international development, communications and media, education, business, global health, sustainability, public affairs, government foreign service, export sales, and international research.

Coursework for the Major

Students are required to designate a region of the world on which to focus. This region then determines the courses appropriate for the major's primary requirements (Category A) as well as the major's foreign language requirement.

The major requires 36 credits of coursework in addition to the language requirement. All courses must be completed with minimum grades of C. A minimum of 15 credits of Category A and/or B courses must be completed at UF.

Required Coursework

- INS 3004 International Studies Perspectives (3 credits)
- INS 4930 International Studies Senior Research Seminar (3 credits)

With prior approval, students may substitute:

- Study abroad with a research project; internship or work experience abroad with a research project; international studies research poster with presentation; international studies-related service learning with a research project; or independent study course with a research project. Students pursuing any of these alternatives must still register for 3 credits of coursework to replace INS 4930. All research papers will be graded by a common grading rubric. S/U grades are acceptable for these alternatives to INS4930 with prior approval and successful completion of the research project.

- Category A: 15 credits of international studies-approved courses in social science, humanities or professional courses that focus on the region of the world selected by the student: Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, or the Middle East.
 - Twelve credits of Category A coursework must be at the 3000/4000 level.
- Category B: 15 credits of international studies-approved courses in social science, humanities, or professional courses that focus on regions of the world other than the student's regional focus and/or focus on global issues.
 - Nine credits of Category B coursework must be at the 3000/4000 level. *(These 9 credits of 3000/4000-level Category B courses will be accepted toward the CLAS 3000-level elective requirement. INT majors still will need to take 9 additional credits of 3000-level electives from courses NOT approved for any INT category.)*
- Four semesters minimum (0-20 credits) of a single modern foreign language or demonstrated proficiency equivalent to completion of the intermediate level. The language for which proficiency is demonstrated must be logically linked to the selected region (Category A).

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The links below determine the region courses appropriate for Category A and Category B requirements as well as the region's foreign language requirement.

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Requirements: [Structure of a CLAS Degree.](#)

Equivalent critical-tracking courses as determined by the State of Florida [Common Course Prerequisites](#) may be used for transfer students.

Semester 1

- Complete one international studies course from Category A or Category B at the 2000-level or higher with a 2.0 critical-tracking GPA

- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 2

- Complete one international studies course from Category A or Category B at the 2000-level or higher with a 2.5 critical-tracking GPA
- **Students must have at least one Category A and one Category B class complete by the end of Semester 2**
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 3

- Complete one foreign language course from the selected region and one additional international studies course from Category B at the 2000-level or higher with a 2.75 critical-tracking GPA
- **Students should take INS 3004 as soon as they have completed three Category courses. For many students, this will be either semester 3 or 4**
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 4

- Complete one additional foreign language course from the selected region with a 3.0 critical-tracking GPA
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 5

- Complete INS 3004 International Studies Perspectives and one additional international studies course from Category A at the 3000-level or higher with a 3.0 critical-tracking GPA
- **By the end of Semester 5, students must complete two Category A classes, two Category B classes, one year of a relevant foreign language, and INS3004.**
- 2.0 UF GPA required

Semester 6

- Take 2 major classes at the 3000-level or above (may be any mixture of Category A and/or Category B)
- **Students should have completed at least 21 credits of the 36 total (excluding language) required for the major**

Semester 7

- Take 2 major classes at the 3000-level or above (may be any mixture of Category A, Category B, and/or INS4930 or pre-approved alternative)
- Foreign Language Intermediate 1
- **Students should have completed at least 27 credits of the 36 total (excluding language) required for the major**

Semester 8

- Take 3 major courses at the 3000-level or above (may be any mixture of Category A, Category B, and/or INS4930 or pre-approved alternative)
- Foreign Language Intermediate 2
- **By the end of semester 8, students must complete a minimum of 15 credits of Category A coursework, 15 credits of Category B coursework, INS3004, INS4930 or pre-approved alternative, and the intermediate level or equivalent of a foreign language relevant to the primary region of study.**

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Semester 1	Credits
Beginning Foreign language	3-5
Biological or Physical Science	3

<i>State Core GE-B or P</i>	
Composition <i>State Core GE-C; WR</i>	3
International Studies <i>Category A, 2000-level or above; recommended:</i> <u>Africa</u> : AFS 2002 The African Experience: An Introduction to African Studies (<i>GE-S and N</i>) or HUM 2424 African Cultures and Literatures (<i>GE-H and N</i>) <u>Asia</u> : REL 2362 Introduction to Islam (<i>GE-H and N</i>) <u>Europe</u> : EUS 2001 European Experience: A Humanities Perspective (<i>GE-H and N</i>) or EUS 2003 European Experience: A Social Science Perspective (<i>GE-S and N</i>) <u>Latin America and the Caribbean</u> : LAS 2001 Introduction to Latin American Studies (<i>GE-H and N or S and N</i>) <u>Middle East</u> : REL 2362 Introduction to Islam (<i>GE-H and N</i>)	3
Science laboratory <i>GE-P or B</i>	1
	Total 13-15
Semester 2 Credits	
IUF 1000 What is the Good Life <i>GE-H</i>	3
Beginning foreign language	3-5
Biological or Physical Science <i>Area not taken in semester 1, GE-B or GE-P</i>	3
Composition <i>GE-C; WR</i>	3
International Studies <i>Category B, 2000-level or higher</i>	3
	Total 15-17
Semester 3 Credits	
Biological Science <i>GE-B</i>	3

Humanities <i>State Core GE-H</i>	3
Intermediate foreign language	3-5
International Studies <i>Category B, 2000-level or higher</i>	3
Mathematics <i>State Core GE-M</i>	3
Total	15-17

Semester 4	Credits
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INS 3004 International Studies Perspectives	3
Humanities <i>(if needed)</i> or Elective	3
Intermediate foreign language	3-5
Physical Science <i>GE-P</i>	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences <i>State Core GE-S</i>	3
Total	15-17

Semester 5	Credits
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Elective	3
Elective <i>or</i> Social and Behavioral Sciences <i>(if needed)</i>	3
International Studies <i>Category A, 3000-level or above</i>	3
International Studies <i>Category B, 3000-level or above</i>	3
Mathematics <i>GE-M</i>	3

	Total	15
Semester 6		Credits
Elective ♦ <i>3000 level or above, not in major, if needed</i>		3
International Studies <i>Category A, 3000-level or above</i>		3
International Studies <i>Category B, 3000-level or above</i>		3
Study abroad <i>or</i> Internship <i>or</i> Electives		6
	Total	15
Semester 7		Credits
Elective		3
Electives ♦ <i>3000 level or above, not in major, if needed</i>		6
International Studies <i>Category A, 3000-level or above</i>		3
International Studies <i>Category B, 3000-level or above</i>		3
	Total	15
Semester 8		Credits
INS 4930 Senior Research Seminar/Capstone Experience		3
Elective <i>or</i> Social and Behavioral Science <i>(if needed)</i>		3
Electives		8
International Studies <i>Category A, 3000-level or higher</i>		3

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